Mr. C. Matthai.—I have given the names of the organisers of this. This function was conducted by a committee of which Miss D'Souza is the Secretary.

President.—What I want to explain is this. Miss. Helen Cruickshank wanted the Residency grounds for this sporting purpose. I said that the Residency grounds were Palace grounds, and I did not want to set a precedent by giving it for sporting purposes. If I had given that ground, I would have avoided all these. Unfortunately, I am mainly responsible for all these things.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—We want only an assurance from the Government that such things would not take place in future, in the Hospital grounds.

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—There were no instances of this kind before.

President.—Are you aware that, within your knowledge, Hospital grounds are used for such purposes?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—Let me explain further. There is a Badminton club maintained in our Hospital. Lady doctors, nurses and female compounders generally do take part in this.

President.—That is an ordinary game. But in this case it is not so.

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—It is also a demonstration where all people are invited sometimes to be present, and along with invited persons a large number of uninvited persons would also be present. When I gave the permission to conduct sports in the Trichur Maternity Hospital, I did not anticipate that 3,000 or 4,000 people would come to witness the sports.

President.—As far as possible, you must avoid holding such sport competitions in Hospitals.

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—According to my information, the Hospital premises are used for general sports in British Malabar and other places.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—In the Maternity Hospital at Madras, as far as I know, strangers are not allowed to visit the place.

The management of Sirkar Malayalam Schools by local bodies.

101. Mr. I. E. Ambooken.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether it is a fact that they contemplate a scheme to give the management of all Sirkar Malayalam Schools to local bodies such as the Panchayats, Municipalities, etc.?

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Mr. C. Matthai.—The Government do not contemplate any such scheme. It is, however, the policy of the Government to encourage local bodies to take up the management of educational institutions.

Special helps to the depressed classes in schools.

102. Mr. I. E. Ambooken.—Will the Government be pleased to state what are the special helps given to pupils of the depressed classes in the different departments of schools?

Mr. C. Matthai.—The Member is referred to Articles 64 and 71—B of *the Education Code*. Besides the concessions referred to in these, Pulayapupils are also supplied with clothes, books and slates, and are fed once a week.

The modification of the Legislative Council Library Rules.

103. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state that in pursuance of the request made in the budget session of the Legislative Council that the Council Library Rules should be so modified as to make the Library more useful at all times to all the Members of the Council, whether the Rules complained of have been modified, and if not, whether the Rules will soon be modified, and if the answer is in the negative, to give the reason for not modifying the Rules?

Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—The Government do not consider that the Library Rules require any modification. The Council Library is intended only as a reference and consulting library and not as a lending or circulating library.

The work of the Deputy President of the Legislative Council.

104. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—(a) Will the Government or the President of the Legislative Council be pleased to State what, in brief, is the work assigned to the Deputy President of the Legislative Council?

(b) On how many occasions has the Deputy President presided after the inauguration of the Council?

Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—(a) The Council law is explicit on the subject.

(b) On no occasion.

The privilege to non-official Members to send their correspondence on State Service.

105. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—(a) Is the Government not aware that the non-official Members of the Legislative Council in Pudukottai have been authorised to send their cor-

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